

C. P. Nichols, Ex-Legislator

C. Philip Nichols, a former Prince Georges representative in the Maryland House of Delegates who had recently been appointed administrative assistant to Representative Hervey G. Machen (D-Md.), died at his home in Laurel yesterday, apparently of a heart attack.

Julia Matthews

Descendant Of Mason Dead at 86

Julia Nelson Mason Matthews, 86, widow of the late Marine Brig. Gen. Calvin Bruce Matthews and a great-granddaughter of George Mason, died Sunday at Doctors Hospital after an illness of two years.

Mrs. Matthews, a native of Indian Rock, Va., came to Washington with her parents, who in 1892 founded Gunston Hall, a private school named for the home of the framer of the Virginia Declaration of Human Rights, and the family's ancestral home.

She was educated at the school, which was in the 1900 block of Florida Avenue nw., and in 1925 was married to Gen. Matthews.

Mrs. Matthews traveled with her husband to his assignments, which included tours of duty in Haiti and Nicaragua. After his death in 1939, she made her home here.

She was a member of the Chevy Chase Country Club, a past president of her local chapter of The Colonial Dames of America, and a member of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church here.

Her sister, Mrs. G. Hoxie Moffet, of the home at 1904 Florida ave. nw., survives.

Ex-Aide on Hill Killed in Crash

TRENTON, N.J., Dec. 28 (UPI)—C. Charles Stephano, 39, executive assistant to New Jersey Gov. Richard J. Hughes and Washington aide to former U.S. Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.) was killed last night when he was thrown from his automobile by the impact of a collision and run over by another car.

Mr. Stephano's wife, Joan, 29, who was with him, was not injured.

A member of Hughes' staff since 1961, even before he was elected to the governorship, Mr. Stephano handled research and speech writing. He had been a member of the research staff of the State Legislature before joining Sen. Smith's in Washington.

Mr. Nichols, a veteran Democratic worker in Maryland, had served two terms in the House of Delegates, from 1954 to 1962. He was a member of the Ways and Means Committee of the House during his tenure.

A native of Laurel, he had been president of Laurel Realty Co. for about 20 years. The company had recently been active in apartment and subdivision development in the Laurel area.

Before he was elected in 1954 to the House of Delegates, Mr. Nichols served two years on the Laurel City Council.

Advocate of Economy

As a delegate, Mr. Nichols was chiefly interested in fiscal matters, and became known as a proponent of governmental economy.

He was a champion of horse-racing legislation in Maryland, and in 1962 sponsored a bill which provided "enrichment" of winning purses for Maryland-bred horses competing on the State's race courses.

The same year, in a hotly-fought 17-man primary contest, Mr. Nichols lost his bid for re-election when a group of "insurgent" Democrats won nomination.

He was an active in Laurel Civic affairs, a charter member and first president of the local Kiwanis Club, a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and former secretary-treasurer of the Prince Georges County Chamber of Commerce.

He also belonged to the National Association of Real Estate Boards and its Prince Georges County chapter.

Appointed Dec. 16

Mr. Nichols' appointment as administrative assistant to Machen was announced Dec. 16. The Congressman-elect, who is serving his first term, yesterday praised Mr. Nichols' "great understanding of fiscal matters" and said he was shocked at his new aide's sudden death.

Mr. Nichols is survived by his wife, Hilda. Other survivors include his mother, May P.; two sons, C. Philip Jr. and Gregory P., and a daughter, Cynthia G., all of 710 Montgomery ave., Laurel.



G. PHILIP NICHOLS

Deaths Elsewhere

Helen Harris, Teacher, 89

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (UPI)—Helen Harris, 1963 co-winner of the National Education Association's Golden Key Award

and journalism instructor to several of the Nation's leading newsmen, died last night in a suburban hospital. She was 89.

Miss Harris taught English and journalism at Chicago's

Senn High School from 1914 until she retired in 1940. Among her students were Pulitzer Prize winning Editor-in-Chief Price Day of the Baltimore Sun, Pulitzer Prize winning editorial cartoonist Herb Block, (Herblock) of the Washington Post, and Robert E. Kennedy, chief editorial writer of the Chicago Sun-Times.

Miss Harris won the Golden Key Award with Herblock after the two were selected for the honor by a jury of educators, publishers and industrial officials.

Theodore A. Kiesselbach, retired University of Nebraska agronomist known for his work in developing hybrid corn; in Lincoln, Neb.

Walter L. Brock, 80, pioneer aviator who in 1914 won a race from London to Paris and back donated the plane he himself had built to the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, in Chicago.

Cherrio Meredith, 74, actress of the "One Happy Family" series, also appeared in "December Bride" and "Bonanza"; in Burbank, Calif.

Warren "Doc" Bayley, 64, chairman of the board of the Hacienda chain of hotels in the Western states; in Las Vegas, Nev.

William Eric Phillips, 71, chairman of the Board of Massey-Ferguson, Ltd., largest manufacturers of farm machinery in the British Commonwealth; in Palm Beach,



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